

SEAFARER QUESTIONS

BRITISH LIT

MRS. PILGREEN

Name _____

Date _____ Hour _____

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

1. To what is the speaker constantly drawn?
2. To what does the speaker compare the relationship of man and the sea? (Hint: To what other place does he feel drawn to, or a need to return to?)
3. What does the seafarer miss about the days of the past?
4. According to the last section of the poem, where is our true home?
5. According to the speaker, what qualities might earn a person a place in heaven?

CRITICAL THINKING

1. What are three images regarding weather the poet uses in the first stanza to convey his sense of isolation?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. How might you explain the mixed feelings about the sea that the poet seems to feel?
3. Explain how a person can dislike something as much as the seafarer dislikes life at sea and yet keep going back to it.

LITERARY FOCUS

1. How is this poem an example of an **elegy**?
2. Find two examples of **kennings** in the poem. Write down each (the words) and give the line #.
 - a.
 - b.